

Teaching Board of PhD Course in Agricultural, Food and Forestry Sciences (SAAF) - Cycle XXXVIII

Minutes no. 4 - Meeting held on 5th April 2023

Composition of the Teaching Board:

			P	AG	A
1.	Abdelfattah	Ahmed	x		
2.	Abenavoli	Maria Rosa	x		
3.	Agosteo	Giovanni			x
4.	Barreca	Francesco	x		
5.	Bernardi	Bruno		x	
6.	Bombino	Giuseppe		x	
7.	Campolo	Orlando			x
8.	De Luca	Anna Irene	x		
9.	Di Fazio	Salvatore	x		
10.	García-Ruíz	Roberto		x	
11.	Giuffrè	Angelo Maria		x	
12.	Gulisano	Giovanni	x		
13.	Li Destri	Giulia	x		
14.	Lombardi	Fabio		x	
15.	Lucas-Borja	Manuel Esteban			x
16.	Lupini	Antonio	x		
17.	Marcianò	Claudio	x		
18.	Marziliano	Pasquale			x
19.	Modica	Giuseppe	x		
20.	Monti	Michele			x
21.	Muscolo	Adele Maria	x		
22.	Nicolosi	Agata	x		
23.	Palmeri	Vincenzo	x		
24.	Piscopo	Amalia Rosa Maria	x		
25.	Poiana	Marco	x		
26.	Porto	Paolo			x
27.	Proto	Andrea Rosario	x		
28.	Schena	Leonardo	x		
29.	Sicari	Vincenzo	x		
30.	Sorgonà	Agostino	x		
36.	Spampinato	Giovanni	x		
31.	Strano	Alfio	x		
32.	Sunseri	Francesco	x		
33.	Tassone	Valentina C.	x		
34.	Zema	Demetrio Antonio	x		
35.	Zimbalatti	Giuseppe		x	

The meeting takes place live at the Seminar Hall of the Department of Agriculture. The meeting is chaired by the Coordinator, prof. Leonardo Schena. Prof. Anna Irene De Luca acts as verbalizing secretary.

The channel "PhD SAAF (Cycle XXXVIII)" created by the coordinator in the Microsoft Teams platform is activated to allow the participation of the College's members residing abroad (Dr. Abdelfattah, Dr. García-Ruíz, Dr. Lucas-Borja and Dr. Tassone). Dr. Abdelfattah and Dr. Tassone regularly connect to the meeting, while Dr. García-Ruíz is justified, having previously sent an e-mail request to the Coordinator and Dr. Lucas-Borja is considered absent.

The Coordinator, noting that the Council was duly convened by invitation sent by e-mail on March 30, 2023, and that it is able to deliberate, declares the meeting open at 12:05 p.m. The agenda is as follows:

1. Communications;
2. Approval of minutes no. 3 of 02.03.2023;
3. Designation of the Committee for the awarding of the Doctorate Honoris Causa;
4. Criteria for assignment of CFUs for training and research activities;
5. Request for curriculum change;
6. Appointment of co-tutors;
7. Foreign period authorizations.

1. Communications

1.1. The Coordinator reports that the SAAF doctoral education activities, approved at meeting No. 3 on 02.03.2023, have been duly started and are currently being delivered. As planned, these activities have been integrated with other common activities organized by the Doctoral School that will be delivered over 2023. The Coordinator recalls that these activities were developed through a request for expression of interest to hold courses/seminars as part of the educational activities promoted by the Doctoral School, sent by the Director of the Department of Agriculture on 07.03.2023 (Prot. no. 0004558 of 06.03.2023 - DIP_AGR). Several courses/seminars aimed at students of at least two of the five Doctoral courses with administrative offices at the Mediterranean University have been identified. The overall offer, available on the Doctoral School website (https://www.unirc.it/ricerca/attivita_didattica_dottorati.php), includes mandatory courses, recommended courses, and non-recommended courses, which, however, can be discretionally chosen by doctoral students. Compulsory courses are those included in the PhD program approved by the Ministry during the renewal of the XXXVIII Doctoral Cycle. Within the Department of Agriculture, Prof. Francesco Barreca, Dr. Salvatore Praticò and Dr. Antonino Malacrinò have given their availability to teach courses.

Compulsory courses

Teacher	Title	Hours
Prof. Paola Panuccio	Core principles of ethics, gender equality and integrity	4
	Enhancement and dissemination of results, intellectual property, and open access to data and to research products	4
	Research and knowledge management of European and international research systems	4
To be defined	English language proficiency	To be defined

Recommended courses

Teacher	Title	Hours
Dr. Salvatore Praticò	Principles of GIS and Remote Sensing for rural land analysis	8
Prof. Consuelo Nava	Metrics of Innovation in Competitive Research: approaches to TRL (level of maturity technology). Theory, Method, Applications	4
Prof. Domenico Nicolò	The business plan in the startup phase	6

Prof. Francesco Barreca	Enhancement and dissemination of results, intellectual property and open access open access to data and research products	4
Dott. Antonino Malacrino	R basics, modelling, and visualization	16
Prof. Vincenzo Barrile Dott. Antonino Fotia	Remote sensing techniques and methodologies for monitoring and controlling the built environment	4

The Coordinator informs the Board that on 03.28.2023 he sent the complete list of all courses organized by the school to the SAAF XXXVIII cycle doctoral students.

The Board takes note of this.

1.2. The Coordinator points out that among the tasks for the near future, there is the submission of the proposal for the renewal of the Doctoral Course for the XXXIX Cycle. The internal deadline for the proposal's formulation has been set for 22 May 2023 to allow the offices to finally close by 5 June 2023. He also mentions the sources of funding for PhD scholarships for the XXXIX Cycle, namely Ministerial Decree 117 of 2 March 2023 and Ministerial Decree 118 of 2 March 2023.

The Ministerial Decree no. 117 allocates, for the year 2023/2024, under the PNRR, Mission 4 "Education and Research", Component 2 "From Research to the Enterprise" - Investment 3.3 "Introduction of innovative doctorates that respond to the innovation needs of enterprises and promote the recruitment of researchers from enterprises", including the savings made available under previous financial allocations, a total amount of three-year PhD scholarships equal to 13,292 for innovative PhD courses accredited pursuant to Ministerial Decree 45/2013 Cycle XXXVII - Academic Year 2021/2022 and to be accredited pursuant to Ministerial Decree 226/2021 Cycle XXXIX - Academic Year 2023/2024. The available budget is earmarked for the 50 % co-funding (amounting to € 30,000.00) of the abovementioned number of 13,292 PhD scholarships. The budget allocated to the University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria is equal to € 1,650,000.00.

The Ministerial Decree no. 118 allocates, for the year 2023/2024, from the PNRR, Mission 4, Component 1 "Enhancement of the supply of education services: from kindergartens to the University" - Investment 3.4 "Advanced university teaching and skills" and Investment 4. 1 "Extension of the number of research doctorates and innovative doctorates for public administration and cultural heritage", including the savings made available from previous financial allocations, a total amount of 5,478 three-year doctoral scholarships for attending doctoral programmes accredited pursuant to Ministerial Decree no. 45/2013 and pursuant to Ministerial Decree no. 226/2021 and to be accredited pursuant to Ministerial Decree no. 226/2021 in dedicated programmes and declined as follows:

- a. PhDs in programmes dedicated to digital and environmental transitions;
- b. PNRR doctoral programmes;
- c. doctorates for public administration;
- d. PhDs for cultural heritage.

The unit cost for a PhD scholarship for the purposes of this decree is € 60,000.00 (sixty thousand/00) for the entire three-year period envisaged.

The budget allocated to the University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria is as follows:

M4C1 – Inv. 3.4		M4C1 – Inv. 4.1					Total Grants Inv. 3.4 and Inv. 4.1
Digital and environmental transitions	Budget	PNRR Research	Public Administration	Cultural heritage	Total Grants Inv. 4.1	Budget	
2	120.000,00	11	9	2	22	1.320.000,00	24

The PhD Board takes note of this.

1.3. Upon the invitation of the Coordinator, Prof. Palmeri takes the floor to inform the Teachers' Board that, following the launch of the AVA3 system, the PhD courses will also be subject to the Quality Assurance system within the organic framework that already includes the University, Departments and Institutes of Departments and Institutes of Study; this aspect will be the subject of specific audits with the School that will be jointly organised by the Evaluation Team (NdV) and the Quality Assurance Presidium (PQA) of the University Mediterranea. In this regard, the Board is informed of the preparation by ANVUR of a PhD evaluation form and two different questionnaires to be administered to all PhD students starting from Cycle XXXVIII. The questionnaire must be filled in by first- and second-year doctoral students via the ESSE3 platform.

The PhD Board takes note of this.

2. Approval of minutes no. 2 of 11.01.2023

The Coordinator reminds those present that the draft of the minutes of meeting no. 3 of 02.03.2023 drafted in Italian and in English was sent on 30 March 2023 to all the members of the Board, together with the convocation of this College. The minutes, in both versions (Italian and English), are unanimously approved.

3. Appointment of the Commission for the conferment of the Doctorate Honoris Causa

The Coordinator informs the Board that by note acquired in the University general protocol under no. 922 of 21/01/2022, the Ministry of University and Research has approved the resolutions adopted by the Academic Senate in the meeting of 29 March 2021 and by the Council of the Department of Agriculture on 16 March 2021 concerning the proposal to confer the Honorary Doctorate in "Agricultural, Food and Forestry Sciences" to Mr Nicodemo Librandi. The proposal had been approved in the first instance by the SAAF Doctorate Teachers' Board in meeting no. 3 of 10 March 2021 on the proposal of Professors Zimbalatti, Sunseri and Poiana. He also informs the Board that the Rector has set 12 May 2023 as the date for the conferment of the degree and reminds them that, according to Art. 26, paragraph 4, of the University Regulation on Doctoral Degrees, the Commissions for the award of the degree of Research Doctorate, including the substitute members, are appointed by Rector's Decree, upon designation of the Board of Doctorate Professors and favourable opinion of the Departmental Council. After detailed discussion, a commission of eleven members is proposed as follows:

Acting members:

1. Abenavoli Maria Rosa, Associate Professor, SSD AGR/13
2. Bernardi Bruno, Associate Professor, SSD AGR/09
3. Bombino Giuseppe, Associate Professor, SSD AGR/08
4. De Luca Anna Irene, Associate Professor, SSD AGR/01
5. Di Fazio Salvatore, Full Professor, SSD AGR/10
6. Monti Michele, Full Professor, SSD AGR/02
7. Palmeri Vincenzo, Full Professor, SSD AGR/11
8. Poiana Marco, Full Professor, SSD AGR/15
9. Proto Andrea, Associate Professor, SSD AGR/06
10. Schena Leonardo, Full Professor, SSD AGR/12
11. Sunseri Francesco, Associate Professor, SSD AGR/07

Substitute members:

- Barreca Francesco, Associate Professor, SSD AGR/10
- Giuffrè Angelo Maria, Associate Professor, SSD AGR/15
- Li Destri Nicosia Maria Giulia, Researcher SSD AGR/12
- Marciandò Claudio, Associate Professor, SSD AGR/01
- Piscopo Amalia Rosa Maria, Associate Professor, SSD AGR/15
- Zema Demetrio Antonio, Associate Professor, SSD AGR/08

This item was read and approved immediately during the same session.

4. Criteria for assignment CFUs for training and research activities

The Coordinator reminds the assembly that the following overall training plan was approved at meeting no. 3 on 02.03.2023:

Training activities

	Courses of SAAF	Courses of Doctoral School	Seminars and/or Workshop	TOT CFU
Year I	20	13	2	35
Year II			5	5
Year III			5	5
TOT	20	13	12	45

Research activities

	CFU
Year I	23
Year II	56
Year III	56
TOT	135

Training activities + Research activities = 180 CFU

The Coordinator also recalls that at the same meeting, the College had mandated the Coordinator and the Vicar to define the criteria for awarding CFUs and points out that this proposal was transmitted by e-mail, together with the convocation of this College. The members of the Board confirm that they have received the draft, which is also shared and shown in the classroom for greater clarity. After a discussion, the proposal formulated by the Coordinator and the Vicar is approved.

1. Training activities	CFU
Bachelor's and Master's degree courses	As degree courses
Courses organised by SAAF	1 CFU/4 hours
Courses organised by the Doctoral School	1 CFU/4 hours
Seminars	1 CFU/4 hours
2. Research activities	CFU
PhD thesis	40
Scopus or ISI-indexed article (first name and/or corresponding author)	25
Scopus or ISI indexed article (intermediate positions of co-authorship)	15
Scientific article no Scopus or ISI (first name or corresponding author)	3
Scientific article no Scopus or ISI (intermediate positions of co-authorship)	1
Paper accepted and presented at international conferences	10
Paper accepted and presented at national conferences	5
Poster (or ppt) at international conferences	4
Poster (or ppt) at national conferences	2
Chapter in international book (first name or corresponding author)	5
Chapter in international book (intermediate positions of co-authorship)	3
Chapter in national book (first name or corresponding author)	3
Chapter in national book (intermediate positions of co-authorship)	1

Research activities in foreign institutions (CFU/month)	10
Research activities in UNIRC laboratories (CFU/month)	3
Research activities at companies (CFU/month)	3

5. Request for change of curriculum

The Coordinator informs the Board that he has received a request for “curriculum change” from Prof. Adele Muscolo, tutor of doctoral student Francesco Canino, enrolled in the XXXVIII cycle of the SAAF Doctorate (Prot. N. 0006714 of 29/03 /2023 - DIP_AGR). In this instance, Prof. Muscolo, following a previous request addressed to her by Dr. Canino, asks the Board to express its opinion on the transfer of Dr. Canino from the Forestry Sciences Curriculum to the Agricultural Production Sciences Curriculum. The Coordinator reads Prof. Muscolo’s request and Dr. Canino’s previous note.

An articulated discussion begins, following which the Board unanimously expresses a favourable opinion and decides to approve the aforementioned “curriculum change”, subject to the competent offices being responsible for verifying the procedure and feasibility of the same.

This item is read and approved immediately.

6. Appointment of co-tutors

The Coordinator reports that he has received an application from Prof. Amalia M.R. Piscopo, tutor of doctoral student Corinne Giacondino (Cycle XXXVIII) proposing the assignment of Dr. Alessandra De Bruno as co-tutor. The Board, having verified that the proposed co-tutor is qualified and meets the requirement of the “number of publications for the application to National Scientific Habilitation (ASN) for permanent positions of Associate Professor of the Disciplinary Scientific Sectors (SSD) of the teacher member or doctoral student” adopted by resolution no. 3 of March 12, 2021 (XXXVI Cycle), unanimously approves her appointment.

7. Foreign period authorisations

No requests received.

Since there are no other items for discussion and since all agenda items have been covered, the meeting was closed at 1.20 p.m.

Il Coordinatore
Prof. Leonardo SCHENA

Il Segretario
Prof.ssa Anna Irene DE LUCA